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### During This Sale

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In conjunction with our annual sale of Muslin Underwear we will make an opening of new Spring and Sum-mer shirt waists. The goods are all laundried with stiff collars and cuffs, and the styles are as new as the latest fashion plates.

### OPENING PRICE CUTS.

# GLOBE

WAREHOUSE.

Unable to Drive Insurgents from Pinar Del Rio.

Official Report of the Fight Is Somewhat Conflicting - Hot Fighting at Close Quarters - Rebels Burn a Town.

Havana, March 18.-News has been Havana, March 18.—News has been received here of an important battle which was fought on Monday in the vicinity of Candelaria, in the province of Pinar Del Rio. The government troops were unable to drive the insurgents back and retired from their position with considerable loss. The Spanish forces were commanded by General Linares and Colonels Inclan and Hernandez, and the rebels by Macco and Bandera. The fight was begun on a line parallel with the roadway. The Spanish forces deployed the Tarifa battallon, a section of the Victoria cavalry, and a detachment of artilliery forming tailon, a section of the Victoria cavalry, and a detachment of artillery forming the vanguard, and opening fire upon the enemy. The rebels returned this fire and at the same time made an attack upon the rear guard of the Spanjards, completely encircling their column. Having entirely surrounded the government troops, the insurgents' generals advanced upon the artillerymen with machetes. The latter made a vigorous resigning using muskets and with machetes. The latter made a vig-orous resisting, using muskets and grenades with such effect as to check for a time the enemy's advance, but with reinforcements, a second charge was made by the insurgents and a hand to hand engagement ensued. The bat-tle terminated with a bayonet charge. After a hot fight lasting two hours the Spaniards were defeated, losing many killed and wounded. It was the inten-

tion of the enemy to prevent Colonel In-clan from proceeding to Candelaria. The official report of the fight says the insurgents suffered a tremendous loss. The Spaniards lost two captains loss. The Spaniards lost two captains and five privates and one lieutenant, four sergeants and is soldiers wounded. General Linares arrived at Candelaria an hour after the conclusion of the engagement when he reported his share in the battle. Heliographic communication was interrupted yesterday.

The rebels have burned all but fifteen houses in San Antonio De Las Vegan, in the province of Havana.

GARCIA SAILS. Somer's Point, N. J., March 18.-After

Somer's Point, N. J., March 18.—After three failures General Calixto Garcia is at last upon his way to Cuba to fight against the Spaniards, Together with sixty-two of his countrymen he was put aboard the steamship Bermuda off here this morning by a little passenger steamer from Atlantic City. The entire scheme was cleverly worked out and the agents of the Spanish government. the agents of the Spanish government are said to have been badly taken in. It is now known that the members of the expedition left Philadelphia in a rather open manner on Sunday night in a tug. To all intents and purposes it was proclaimed from the housetop that their destination was the Dela-ware Breakwater, and that it was from off there that a steamer would be boarded for Cuba. It is presumed that the Spanish officials had the tug followed when it left Philadelphia. The Cubans went upon this presumption, at least, and during a fog on Monday afternoon their tug doubled and returned up the Delaware bay and river to Camden, arriving there Monday evening. The party at once boarded a special which landed them at Tuckahoe which landed them at Tuckanos. Cubans boarded the steamboat At-City, which way lying waiting them. The Atlantic City left ahoe at 6 yesterday morning and ed to Ocean City, where she lay tht. While the Atlantic City was ckahoe and Ocean City none of ubans was visible on deck, but norning when the whistle of the ida attracted people along the the concealed men came on deck ave cheer after cheer as the At-City steamed out to meet the arms-laden steamer. Beyond the three mile limit the transfer of the Cubans to the Bermuda took place, and the steamer then proceeded on her way. The custom house officials were caught napping and could do nothing to hinder the transfer of the men. They at once, however, communicated with the authorities at Washington. R. H. Inger-soll, secretary of the company which owns the Atlanctic City, says that the steamer was only put in commission for the purpose of giving her a trial trip for the benefit of her intending pur-

BUTCHERY AGAIN.

Key West, Fla., March 18.-Passengers by the steamer Olivette tonight re-port that Murios and astra, two Cubans mployed by the Spanish government o betray Maceo, left Havana a few lays ago, going to the sugar plantation Santa Amelia, where they caused an uprising among the Cuban sympa-thilers. They were met by General Aguirre, who discovered their mission, and promptly hanged them. Victoriano Reineri, formerly an editor of a Spanish paper in this city, but lately editor of El Puebo, one of the most rabid Spanish papers on the island of Cuba, was recently sent to the Cabanas for criticising the Spanish government, being drunk when he entered the Cabanas. Weyler ordered as soon as he was sober that he be shot.

### HAVE NO WALK OVER.

Candidates on the Robinson State Meet with Opposition.

Media, Pa., March 18.—The Republi-can primary election held in Delaware county today was without excitement, but the vest pocket voter was abroad. The returns show that the candidates on the Robinson slate are not having the walk over that was expected. Wil-liam Winterbottom, of Lenni for county ham Winterbottom, of Lenni for county treasurer, has carried many districts that were supposed to be sure for Humphrey M. Ash, the choice of the dominant faction, and the nomination of Ash is by no means certain. The contest for county commissioner between William P. Hipple, of the Robinson faction and Charles W. Mathues, of Concert is also close and it will yet Concord, is also close, and it will not be known until tomorrow who has been

nominated. Congressman Robinson, for a renomcongressman Robinson, for a renom-ination; Judge Clayton, for national delegate; W. C. Sproul, for state sena-tor; Ward Bliss, for representative; W. I. Schaffer, for district attorney, and the six candidates for state delegates will be nominated in the convention tomorrow without opposition.

### BURIED IN HIS GRAVE.

Hoard of a Kausas Septuagenarian Hidden from His Relatives.

den from his Relatives.

Topeka, Kan., March 18.—Six men have been digging over a 160-acre farm seven miles east of here for three days in the vain endeavor to find \$75,000 in gold said to be buried there. The farm was the property of Luther Woodford, a hermit, aged 71, who died in a hospital here ten days ago. People who knew him say he had, when he died, at least \$75,000 in money and bonds, and that somewhere on his farm the fortune is buried. When pressed, on his

deathbed, to reveal the hiding place he "Oh, wif I only had it all where I could set fire to it and burn it up. Do something to relieve me of this terrible

pain. I ask nothing more,"
Every corner of the old stone house has been searched, every piece of cloth-ing has been examined, every sus-picious place on the farm has been in-MANY SPANISH OFFICERS SLAIN vestigated without avail. In his life-time Mr. Woodford said he did not want his relatives to get his money, and the indications are that his hope will be

### BIG FIRE IN VIRGINIA.

Every Store at Drake's Branch Is Destroyed - Loss \$80,000. Richmond, Va., March 18.-A fire oc-curred at Drake's Branch on the South-

ern railway, sixty miles south of here last night, destroying every store and warehouse in the village. . The postoffice building was burned, all of the mail, bags, etc. Total loss about \$80,000; insurance, \$20,000.

#### M'KINLEY AND SILVER.

Wisconsin Favors Protection and Bi-

Milwaukee, Wis., March 18.—The Academy of Music was filled to overflowing at noon today when the Republican state convention was called to order. After the transaction of the usual preliminary work the convention took a recess to enable the committee on resolutions to prepare the platform. When the convention reconvened the committee reported the following platform, which was adopted:

form, which was adopted:

The Republicans of Wisconsin, in convention assembled, renew their devotion to the doctrine of protection. We believe in an adjustment of tariff duties for the two-fold purpose of providing sufficient revenue to meet the requirements of the government and to furnish reasonable and adequate protection to American industries—a tariff for revenue and protection.

tion.

We also renew our allegiance to the doctrine of reciprocity.

The Republicans of Wisconsin are unyielding in their demand for honest money. We are unalterably opposed to any scheme that will give to this country a depreciated or debased currency. We favor the use of silver as currency, but to the extent only ad under such restrictions that its parity with gold can be maintained.

The convention was hot for McKin ley and unanimously adjusted a culo-gistic resolution directing Wisconsin's delegate to use every reasonable effort to secure the Ohio man's nomination at

St. Louis. WAR WITH CULLOM.

Chicago, March 18.—The Illinois sup-porters of Major McKinley have perfected their plans to secure the endorse ment of their candidate by the Republi can state convention, which meets it Springfield April 29, and thereby nullify the election of uninstructed delegates to the national convention in each con-gressional district. Open war is de-clared from now on by the Cullom forces against the McKinley adherents in Illinois.

Muskegon, Mich., March 18.-The Muskegon Republican county conven-tion today elected delegates to the state convention and instructed the delegation to vote for McKinley. Joplin, Mo., March 18.—In the Republican congressional convention for the injured. Thirty thousand pounds of fifteenth district, which met here to- powder in all exploded, 15,000 pounds at Joplin, Mo., March 18.-In the Repub-

day the delegates to the national con-Kinley.

### FIRST "BLOOMER" TEA.

nique Reception Attended by Milwaukee Physical Culture Classes. Milwaukee, Wis., March 18.-A unique

reception was given this afternoon by Mrs. William Plankinton at her resi-dence in Grand avenue. It was styled a "bloomer tea" and there were nearly 100 ladies present, all in knickerbockers and bloomers.

The upper floor of the Plankinton resi-

dence has been fitted up as a gymna-slum and has been used all winter as a school for physical culture, many of the leading society women of the city having taken a course there during the last few months. The reception today was in the nature of graduating exercises for the classes. There was a cakefor the classes. There was a cake-walk for an enormous cake from the Plankinton house, which was won by Mrs 1. 8 Hodges: a high-kicking contest, which was won by a minister's daughter, and a general athletic con-test, a boxing bout being the only

thing omitted.

Elaborate refreshments were served and the "new women" did everything mannish exceeding to smoke. There was not a woman in skirts admitted.

### REGULATORS SHOT.

Officers at Opciousas Successfully Resist an Invasion.

Opelousas, La., March 18.-The long expected clash between citizens and regulators occurred Saturday, when the regulators returned from Ville Platte. where they had unmercifully beaten Mark Lazaro, a prominent citizen of that town. The mayor of this city, learning these facts and having been at the time of his arrest, held the posi-informed that these people intended to invade Opelousas and browbeat the cit-ent United States senator, and who is izens, appointed five special officers to charged with house breaking.
On the night of July 4 last he was

About 9 p. m. three of the officers enknown man. The latter opened fire on the officers and a general fusiliade followed. When the smoke cleared away it was found that the three Roys had been wounded, one of them dangerously, while the unknown regulator and the officers escaped unhurt.

### SOFT COAL COMBINE.

Prices of Bituminous Coal Are Advanced by the Association,

Philadelphia, March 18,-The bitu-minous coal operators of the Clearfield region met today at the office of the Berwind-White company, and effected district organization. The executive committee of the Bi-tuminous Coal association has fixed

upon the prices for the coming year and which will be put in effect April 1. The new prices are \$2.35 per ton for Cumberland, Pocohontas and River coal, free on board, at Philadel-phia. Baltimore, Newport News and Norfolk, with a difference of 15 cents a ton in favor of Clearfield and Beech Creek coal.

### TRAGEDY AT A CROSSING.

Saul Davis Selig Killed and His Fatally Injured. Allentown, Pa., March 18.—Saul Davis Selig, a Itussian Jew peddler, aged forty years, drove under the lower gates of the Ridge avenue crossing of the Allen-town terminal railroad this morning and was struck by a Jersey Central passenger train. He and his horse were

His son, Ruben, aged ten years, had his skull crushed and will die. An-other son, Morris, aged 8 years, was cut about the head and will recover.

Pattison Endorsed. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., March IX.—The Democrats of the Sixth legislative district (Luzerne county) have elected P. F. Cafrey and S. W. Trimmer delegates to the state convention Pattison was endorsed for

Will Probably Keep the Office of State Chairman.

THE LEACH-ANDREWS FIGHT

Scranton's Lieutenants Are Putting Up a Red Hot Fight That May Foster Much Bitterness-The Tired Leader Wants Pence.

Philadelphia, March 18.—The Republican state chairmanship fight took on a new phase today. It is said that Senator Juay has become worried over the bitterness of the fight that is developing for the office between some of his closest and ablest lieutenants and, sooner than see such bad feeling engendered among his followers, he will retain the position himself for the time being. His course in this matter may be largely shaped by events within the next few weeks but if he should decide that the fight was getting too bot, Philadelphia, March 18.—The Republicide that the fight was getting too bot, he will retain the position until the St. Louis convention shapes his course. The general opinion among well in-formed politicians here today is favor-able to the belief that neither Andrews nor Leach will be favored by Quay for the chairmanship, but that a compro-mise will be effected in the person of Deputy Attorney General John P. El-kin, of Indiana county.

LET QUAY DECIDE.

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Easton, Pa., March 18.—H. I., Magee, one of the Republican candidates for national delegates, today addressed a letter to General Frank Reeder, his chief opponent, offering to go to Washington and let Senator Quay decide whom he prefers. Mr. Magee agrees to withdraw from the fight if Senator Quay shall decide against him, provided General Reeder will do the same if the senator decides against him.

#### FIVE MEN KILLED.

Thirty Thousand Pounds of Powder Explode at Laflin Works with Terrible liffeet-List of the Dend-

Effect—List of the bead.

Kingston, N. Y., March 18.—The Laflin and Rand Powder works, at Rifton,
exploided shortly after 11 o'clock today.
The upper glazer first exploded, setting
off the dry house, and wrecking the
Corning mill, engine house and lower
glazer. Five men were killed and a
man unknown hurt. The cause of the
explosion will never be known. The
works were destroyed in a similar manmer in January, 1894, and were afterward rebuilt. They extended for half a
file along the Wallkill creek. The loss
will exceed \$25,000. The works are sevmiles from Kingston. The shock
cowever, was fell strongly in this city

an miles from Kingston. The shock lowever, was felt strongly in this city and caused a small panie in several factries where female help is employed. The complete list of the dead is: Elias Osterson, aged 38, leaves a wife; John Janes, 30 years, leaves a wife and two children; Emery Decker, 48 years, leaves offe and five children; Naaman Decker, 3, unmarried; Solomon Smalley, aged 19, leaves wife and two children. Aside from these fatallites there was no one

STOLE THE HEARSE.

Unique Sunday Theft Perpetrated by Bibulous New Yorker. New York, March 18.-New York has had of late some daring burglaries. Whole houses, or parts of them, have been carried away, without leaving a clew. It remained, however, for John Meehan, of Stanton street, to cap the climax for originality. He is alleged to have last night stolen an undertaking wagon containing an empty casket prepared for burial. Meehan yesterday to become somewhat intoxi-cated. He walked along Cherry street saw the undertaking wagon of C, J. McCormick.

The driver was upstairs waiting for the undertaker to arrive. Just then a friend, who could see Meehan and go him several times better in the way of encouraging Sunday excise viola-tions, happened along, and the two men got on the wagon and rode away, Meehan driving. They drove to Water street, where they ran into the curb and a lamppost and almost upset the wagon, half spilling the casket out. Then they abandoned the rig. Several hours later Meehan was arrested. He declares he wasn't drunk, but took the hearse and coffin, belleving he might thus make a world's record.

### NICE YOUNG MAN.

Captured on a Roof with His Coat Turned Inside Out.

Washington, March 18.—In the criminal court of the District of Columbia today the trial was commenced of Ben-jamin H. Milliken, a young man who,

discovered in the house of Judge Samcountered a party of regulators consist. Incl F. Phillips, of North Carolina, for-ing of the Roy brothers and an un-merly solicitor general of the United States, where, according to the charge, he had gone with unlawful intent to-ward Judge Phillips' daughter, to whom he had been at one time engaged, but the engagement had been broken off. He was captured on the roof with his coat turned inside out and his shoes tied around his neck. Milliken's defence at the time was that he was under the influence of liquor, and was not responsible for his actions. The case has excited a good deal of interest, and will probably last several days.

#### THE POLICE GAVE UP. llave Abandoned Hope of Finding Mary

Sullivan's Murderer. Paterson, March 18.-The Coroner's inquest on the murder of Miss Mary Sullivan, the Paterson music teacher, will be continued by Coroner Goodridge this evening in the Opera house. Pros-ecutor Gourley says he has an important witness, who will testify to being close at hand when the murder was committed, but the general impression is that the jury will find a verdict of death by unknown parties. The police have given up all hope of catching the murderer. From the first they did not have the slightest clew. A number of witnesses have been

brought out at the inquest. MURDERERS HANGED. Buck Chappell Declares His Innocence

thought that anything new will be

the Seaffold. Brenham, Tex., March 18.—Clem Strauthers who murdered Louis Peters last November, and Buck Campbell, who murdered Mrs. Dora Emshoff Dec. 18, 1895, were both hanged at Belleville today. Both men died of strangula-

Strauthers confessed his crime, but Chappell declared his innocence to the

#### THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: Rain : Easterly Winds.

Senator Quay Worried. Cubans Rout the Spanish Troops, France Growing Suspicious, Philadelphia Minister Angry, Five Men Meet Death.

- From the National Capital. General Market and Stock Reports,
- New Source of City Revenue. Second District Democratic Convention. United States Court. Four Important Decisions.
- 4 Editorial Comment Murdes or Suicide, Which? Temperance Hall at Minooka Burned Tax Levy Ordinance.
- A Secret of the Heart (Concluded). News of the Railroads. Happenings in Our Busy Suburbs.
- 8 News Up and Down the Valley.

#### REV. DUFFY'S STATEMENT. The Philadelphia Clergyman Scores His

Former Associates in the Methodist Episcopal Conference.

Philadelphia, March 18.-Rev. J. P. Duffy, who was not allowed to address the Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal conference yesterday in relation to his conversion to the Baptist church, has written the following letter for publica

conversion to the Baptist church, has written the following letter for publication:

March 17, 1896.

I was at the Philadelphia conference of the Methodist Episcopal church this morning, and asked to be heard in my own defence. This right was refused me, I am, therefore, compelled to reach the public through the agency of the press. On Monday morning Rev. William M. Swindells made an unwarranted and impudent attack upon me because I voted for delegates to the general conference on Friday last, knowing that I was to withdraw from the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal church. He also referred to the Bāptist denomination, to which I have been received, as an Aduliam's cave into which people not entitled to much respect among Methodists retire. In answer to these statements I would say I was present on Wednesday; answered to my name at roll call, and knowing that I would be busy elsewhere, made a statement to that effect, and offered to leave my vote with the secretary of the conference. This was refused me. I made a special exertion to be present Friday and yoted. Dr. Swindells was present on Wednesday, heard my statement, and it was known generally that I intended its withdraw from the denomination. To say that I did not know of this, when it had been a subject of common report for nearly a year (while Bishop Hurst, who had just come among us stated that he had heard the rumor's shows a degree of obtuseness on the part of Dr. Swindells that is remarkable, and demonstrates that as an editor he had a very poor nose for news. I voted on Friday because I had a right to vote. I did not vote for Dr. Swindells because I am not in favor of combines, municipal, state or national, and especially ecclesiastical. The result of the balloting shower my judgment to be correct, and shows a state of affairs concerning political manipulation that better accords with methods in political life than among a body of ministers. The reference to Adullam's cave as a type of the Baptist denomination was rather unfortunate is a type of the class that goes out from Methodists, for some of their number to be reduced to such a state, and since sixteen or eighteen have gone out from Philadelphia Methodism within a few years, it would indicate that harsh treatment was the rule rather than the exception. The reference to Adullam's cave was a gratuitous insult to a sister denomination honored and loved for the good it has done and is doing. Methodism is to be commiserated for having one either as editor, minister or member of such narrow prejudiced views as those entertained by Dr. Swindells, whose spirit of ecceliastical bossism is such (as has been said of him before) it needs only a red hat to make him a cardinal.

I am glad of this opportunity to publicly resent the attack of one whose chief object and inspiration is place seeking, and self glorification, and one who is widely known as one who ever aims to strike down those who refuse to train under his banner.

Respectfully submitted.

(Signed)

J. P. Duffy.

ARRESTED FOR SMUGGLING.

Herman Keck, a Diamond Merchant Cincinnati, Is in the Toils. Philadelphia, March 18.—Herman Keck, a member of the firm of Condorman, Heinrick, Keck and company, dia-mond brokers of Cincinnati, was ar-raigned before United States Commissioner Bell this afternoon on the charge of being implicated in smuggling dia-monds into this country. Keck was ar-rested in New York on Saturday by Special Customs Agent Cummings. His arrest grew out of the arrest of Captain Losswitz of the American line steem. Loeswitz, of the American line steam ship Rhynland, at this port, some weeks ago. Special Agent Gallen, of this city, found 500 small diamonds, valued at about \$10,000, in the captain's state room. The jewels were not on the ships

manifest. Captain Loeswitz, who is held in bail for court on the same charge, was called as a witness. He said:

"I met Keck in Antwerp on January 27. A friend, who is a jeweler, intro-duced us. My friend gave me a package before we parted, saying this belongs to Keck; will you take it to America for him? I looked at the package and saw that it contained no address. Then Keck handed me a piece of paper with Von Reith, Cincinnati, written upon it My friend and Keck assured me that the package did not contain any dutiable

captain introduced an affidavit. signed by his friend in Antwerp, which substantiated his testimony.

After the case had been argued at length Mr. Keck was held in \$3,000 ball for court.

IN FAVOR OF WOMEN. Philadelphia M. E. Conference Will

Admit Them as Lay Delegates. Philadelphia, March 18.—By a vote of 117 to 89 the Philadelphia Methodist Episcopal conference today decided in favor of the proposed constitution amendment admitting women as delegates to the general conference. An ineffectual attempt was made in the closing hours to get a vote on the question of equal representation of lay and clerical delegates in the general conference. The conference adjourned sine die after announcement of appoint-

#### HOLE IN HIS HEAD. Attempted Spicide of William Knowle

May Only Make Him Blind Mitchell, S. D., March 18.-Notwithstanding the fact that William Knowles. in attempting suicide here Saturday, shot a large hole entirely through his head, the ball entering the right temple and coming out just in front of the left ear, he is recovering fast, and the doctors have every reason to believe that

he will live. He was rendered blind, however, the optic nerves having been severed. Pottsynle, Pa., March 18.—H. F. Eisenhuth, a well-known citizen of Orwigsburg, was struck by a train at Rausche's station this morning on the Little Schuylkill branch of the Ph adelphia and Reading railroad and instally killed. He was 50 years of age and "Hower.

## FRANCE GROWS SUSPICIOUS

England's Expeditions to the Sudan Regarded with Alarm.

MR. BERTHELOT'S POSITION

It Is Approved by French Newspaper Generally-The Attitude of Russia, Austria and Germany on the African Question.

Paris, March 18.—The government and people of France are beginning to realize that the recent conferences at Berlin between the Austrian minister for foreign affairs, Count Goluchowski; the Italian ambassador at Berlin, the Italian ambassador at Berlin, Count Lanza di Rusca, and the German imperial chancellor, Prince Hohenlohe, and with Great Britain a party to the conclusions, had considerable signific-ance. The re-arrangement of the Drieconclusions, had considerable signific-ance. The re-arrangement of the Drie-bund with Great Britain as an active partner in the arrangement was, it is believed, but the first step in an at-tempt to make alterations in the map of Africa. The interview between M. Berthelot, French minister of foreign affairs, and the Marquis of Dufferin, the British ambassador here yesterday, when the former asked the latter the reasons for Great Britain's expedition to Dongola and called attention to the gravity of such a step, was an evigravity of such a step, was an evidence of the government's serious view of the case, and the need of explanations on the part of Great Britain. The Toulon correspondent of the Figaro this morning says that matters have al-ready reached such a stage that orders are expected there at any moment for

the French Levant squadron to proceed to Egyptian waters.

There is a marked change today in the attitude of the French government and the press of France towards Great Britain's Egyptian plans. The military operations contemplated are very objectionable to France and to Russia also. Great Britain and the powers composing the Dreibund are well aware of the perpetual objection of France to anything which tends to prolong the British occupation of Egypt, and it is stated here on high authority that both France and Russia distinctly refused the French Levant squadron to proceed France and Russia distinctly that both France and Russia distinctly refused their assent to the propostion that the Egyptian debt commissioners advance a sum of money with which to defray the cost of the campaign. Therefore, as France and Russia are among the guaranteeing powers responsible to the Egyptian bondholders, it is understood here that the money for the campaign up the Nile will have to be found else-

ENGLAND'S PURPOSE. Attention is drawn to the fact that the British government's statements regarding the cost of the campaign being borne by the Egyptian budget were met by a question as to what the government would do if the guaranteeing powers refused to agree to this and that no definite reply was forthcoming. This is thought here to tend to prove that the campaign is not an Egyptian undertaking in any sense of the word, but a deliberate pushing onward into Africa of British-Egyptian forces which, after the first reverse, will be reinforced by a strong force of British troops from India and Great Britain, with the result that the Soudan will be annexed to Egypt and the occupation of Attention is drawn to the fact that annexed to Egypt and the occupation of the latter country by Great Britain will be continued indefinitely. The newspapers here, generally

The newspapers here, generally speaking, approve of M. Berthelot's communicating to the British ambassador the dangers which might arise from the advance of British-Egyptian troops up the Nile. The ambassador is reported to have confined himself to remarking that the corresponding that the corresponding of the marking that the representations of the marking that the representations of the French government would be communicated to the British foreign office. The newspapers advise M. Berthelot to persist in the energetic stand he has taken, even if he did not follow precedent in transmitting his objections through the French ambassy in London. Advices received here from Rome today say that French and Russian agents are actively intriguing there in agents are actively intriguing there in efforts to detach Italy from the Drei-bund. It is asserted that these agents have spent a great deal of money in or-

der to assist in bringing about the over-throw of Signor Crispi as premier, who was known to be a staunch adherent of the Dreibund, and to help the accession to power of the Marquis di Rudini, who is reported to be lukewram in regard to the alliance. These agents are now said to be doing everything possi-ble to influence the new Italian cabinet to effect a change in its foreign policy which would detach Italy from her al-lies. But even the most sanguine polit-icians of the French capital doubt that anything will be accomplished in this direction, especially after the honor be-stowed upon King Menelek by the czar and the clear evidence in the possession of the Italian government that French and Russian agents have for a long time past been actively and continually assisting the Abyssinians.

BOND OF POWERS.

If Italy were to determine to detach herself from the Dreibund she would have to give notice before May 6 the present year; otherwise the "Bond the Three Powers" continues for another six years.

Another despatch from Rome says that it is reported there that Emperor William desires a modification of the reibund which would enable Germany to come to an understanding with Rus sia in regard to the Balkans. But, as the Balkan question was one of the most important factors in bringing about the formation of the Dreibund the Rome despatch does not attract much attention here. Germany would most likely be supported by Austria and Italy, and sympathized with by Great Britain, in any action she might think herself compelled to take in the settlement of the Balkan question.

BELIEVES WALLER FREE. His Sister Has a Letter from Him Dated

Grand Rapids, Ia., March 18.-Mrs. Laura Martin, of this city, sister of John Waller, when seen in regard to the story from Paris that the former consul at Tamatave has not yet been released from prison, said she had a letter from her brother under date o Peb. 25, dated Elmhurst Piace, Infield Crawley, Sussex, England. In it Waller said he had some business to attend to in England that would take him a month, when he would sail for New York. He stated he was re

### DESPERADO CAUGHT.

atabit Tibbs, a Cotored Outlaw, Shor by a Posse of Uniontown Officers.

leased from prison on Feb. 20. Mrs Martin is certain the letter was genuine

Uniontown, Pa., March 18,-"Fatabit" Tibbs, the colored desperado and out-law, who operated in this vicinity, was shot and fatally wounded by a posse of officers last night, on one of the principal thoroughfares in town. Twenty-two shots were fired. None of the of-Scers were injured.

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UNABLE TO RESCUE. Indianapolis Mother Sees Her Boy Burned

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to Death in a Barn. Indianapolis, March 18.-The 4-yearold son of Henry Sliter, of North Capi-tol avenue, set fire to the hay while playing in his father's barn. His mother ran to the rescue, but the door proved to be locked. The fire department was summoned, and one company responded, but before enough hose had been secured the reel locked and the firemen and neighbors were compelled to stand hopelssly by while the child burned to

It is believed that a stream of water